Money Comes by Mail, and a Score of Old Women Call, Together with Local Celebrifies -New Babies' Future Bright.

SLAVINSKY DROPPED IN.

Then There Was Casey Kelly the Shoemaker, Rosey the Lawyer and at Least Half of the Eldridge Street Colony.

The red gas meter in the dwelling place of the Astrofsky family at No. 15 Buffolk street clicked as usual to-day, but no one worried about it. A few kind-hearted people, who read how triplets had been born in a barren eastside tenement, where there was never a dollar to provide nourishment, proved that New York is not yet sold to the god of mammon. They sent what they could afford, and blessings be upon them, say the tenement lodgers of Suffolk street.

Great Interest in Event.

As might be expected, the greatest in terest was exhibited to-day by the neighborhood in what might transpire from the newspaper advertisement of the Astrofsky event, and lots of people called to see the three.

When the postman arrived, blew his whistle, and called loudly "Astrofsky," the population of four tenement houses poured out and blockaded the hallway It was the first time that a letter had arrived for Astrofsky in two years. He had to be identified to the letter carrier. Among the callers were Slavinsky, the

medicine man, whom everybody knows; Rosey, the lawyer, from Essex Market; Pete Dinneen, from Oak street: Casey Kelly, the shoemaker, and all the neighbors, including a score of old women, who came to give advice.

The Astrofsky home consisted of one makes them lovable. They are the antiwhere the mother lies upon a bed, the From the mental stress begotten of mattress of which has been pawned. The triplets, swathed in a papoose covering, lie beside the mother. Only half dozen neighbors could squeeze in.

Rosie, the German girl who works in Rosle, the German girl who works in dramatic texture, they are after all the sweatshop, but gave up her job to be genuine treasure trove for the lover of nurse, took charge of the eight letters. il bel canto. As each one was opened Jane Cohen read what the donators had to say and named the amount of money inclosed. The news quickly trickled down the suffer in crude hands, but deft and stairway to the street, and in a few dainty was the manner of its presentanear Grand minutes Suffolk street, street, knew that the Astrofsky's had received \$8 through the mail.

First Dollar Received.

TRIPLETS WELL: THREE WOMEN STARS IN THE SPRIGHTLY RENDITION OF "THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO,



MME. SEMBRICH.

will be without a home.

The Metropolitan, Calumet, Manhattan and New York Yacht clubs have extended to the members of the Union the use of their houses until the new club is computed.

is completed.

A number of farewell dinners have been arranged for Saturday night, although the closing of the club will be about forty years old, lives there with formal. The furnishings will be sold at auction next week at the Fifth avenue auction rooms. Many members of the club will be present to buy souvenirs.

It doned is considered one of great mysters. They have a servant opened it forty years old, lives there with Grant, and had trip, of more it when a reporter called to-day the servant opened the heavily-barred door an important opened to be a servant.

'Mrs. Fannie Mansfield and Daughter May" Told Police \$3,000 Worth of Jewels Disappeared on a Car.

WHO IS MRS. MANSFIELD?

Mrs. Fannie Raphael and Her Sister Live in the Barred and Bolted House Given by "Mrs. Mansfield" as Her Address.

Much mystery surrounds the identity of the "Mrs. Fannie Mansfield and daughter May," who reported the loss of a purse containing \$3,000 worth of diamond jewelry on a Sixth avenue car to the Tenderloin police. They gave their address as No. 168 East One Hundred and Twenty-second street.

heavy chain. When asked if Mrs. Mansfield lived there she shut the doo with a slam and fastened the boits.

The neighbors said that Mrs. Rephase lived there, that no one in the neighbor-

The neighbors said that Mrs. Raphael lived there, that no one in the neighborhood knew her and that the sisters greatly feared robbers. The windows were fitted with an elaborate system of burglar alarms and the doors were barred and bolted.

Several of these inquisitive neighbors, who had gossiped about the tenants of No. 168, said that they were supposed to be very wealthy and that much wealth was stored in the house. Until six months ago Mrs. Raphael's brother, who did an extensive business as a diamond broker, lived with the sisters, but he was compelled to go South for his health, and since then there has been no man about the house.

The reporter rang the door-bell again, and again the door was opened an inch or two. Then Mrs. Raphael appeared. She said that she had reported the loss of the diamonds to the police, but that she had done so for Mrs. Mansfield, who had called on her vesterday. Mrs. Mansfield, she said, lost the jewels on the way home. She would not tell where Mrs. Mansfield lived, except that it was near the police station where the loss was reported.

After the jewels disappeared the loser went to the Twelfth Ward Bank in One went to the Twelfth Ward Bank in One went to the Twelfth Ward Bank in One went to the Twelfth Ward Bank in One

LONG-MISSING SHIP SAFE.

Bement Reaches Yokohama After Being Given Up for Lost.

D. B. Dearborn, of No. 8 Bridge street. has learned that the ship Clarence S. Bement, which sailed from New

Lived in Sheds, Begged for His Food and Died Leaving a Huge Estate.

TORONTO, Dec. 18 .- Ell Hyman, who begged for admission to the General Hospital here on Saturday, is dead. An examination of his clothing resulted in finding in an old handkerchief scrip worth \$17,000. In the lining of his pocket more scrip to the value of \$14,000 was revealed. Other papers showed Hyman's income from his stock and other transactions to have been \$3,000 the last year. was reported.

After the jewelw'disappeared the loser went to the Twelfth Ward Bank in One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street and authorized the bank officials to pay a reward of \$500 for the return of the diamonds.

actions to have been \$3,000 the last year. In all the estate, it is expected, will value \$100,000.

For twenty years he has slept in sheds and stables. He sold papers and In all the estate, it is expected, will

begged money and food.

MANY DIE IN EARTHQUAKE.

Hundreds More Are Hurt in Asiatic Russia.

TASHKEND, Asiatic Russia, Dec. 18 .-In that neighborhood the house mentioned is considered one of great mystery. Mrs. Fannie Raphael, a widow about forty years old, lives there with a sister. They have a servant.

When a reporter called to-day the service on the response of the longest with the service on the response of the longest of the Three officials, two soldiers and 150 natives, mostly children, were killed by the earthquake which destroyed the town of Andkjan, Russian Central CORPORATION, Rendeut, N. Y.

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nusical antiquity, "The Marriage of

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efforts antiquated. The characteristic makes them lovable. They are the anti-

modern orchestral device we turn to

them to drink with pleasure unalloye

at the font of pure melody. With all

their jejeune orchestration and slender

"Figaro" is a succession of melodies, a rosary of vocal pearls strung on a

tion last evening so that every gem

shone with its proper lustre.

Mme. Sembrich's Susanna is one of

her happiest characterizations. It em

The first note was from Mrs. Clough. No. 1 West Eighty-third street, and read: "I have seen an account of your sickness in The Evening World. I am sending you some food to strengthen you and your little bables."

Immediately upon reading this Rosie ordered a neighbor to go out and buy some oatmeal and milk. The three other children, ranging in age from two to five, only had bread and butter for breakfast and were hungry.

The next letter was signed "V." H." also inclosing a dollar. "I hope it will help you some. It is all I have to spare You have my sympathy and best wishes."

Then there were notes from Doris.

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Then ploys her splendid knack of vivacity and reveals her flawless vocal methods. Her tone production, always delightful, was particularly pleasing last night, especially in the famous letter scene, of which the audience, as usual demanded a repetition.

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Countess Rosina is a role admirably suited to the statuesque Mme. Eames ang with entrancing purity and sweetness. As the manded and page Cherubino Mme. Fritzi entrancing purity and sweetness. As the Then there were notes from Doris, "One dollar for the triplets;" another from S. A., "May God bless and help you all;" a third from Mrs. Walton, hoping that her contribution would help tide the family over its troubles. The moping that her contribution would help tide the family over its troubles. The last letter was written on Cosmopolitan Hotel paper and said but one word. "Masseltoff." No one in the neighborhood could solve this mystery. "Matters nothing," said Israel Cohen. "Tis 3, good new dollar-bill. It will help keep Astrofsky till he gets work."
In spite of the evil surroundings the triplets appear to be flourishing and the physician gays their condition is more promising than that of the mother, who is very ill.
The Evening World to-day received the following contributions for the triplets. William A. Mayer. 4: Mrs. David Bloom, \$1: Charity, 10 cents; A Brooklyn Friend, \$2: Reichenberg, \$2: Anonymous, \$1.

Young Woman Overcome by Gas. Ida Nolib, eighteen years old, was accidentally overcome by illuminating gas to-day at her home, No. 135 Eighth avenue. She was removed to the New York Hospital.

The Evening was removed to the New York Hospital.

YOUR CREDIT IS AS

MME. FRITZI SCHEFF.

of the performance a word of thanks to Stage Director Almanz. Mr. Manchelli kept his chorus and orchestra well in hand, though their work was unimportant. Mozart wrote only for the principals and his melodies were never better sung. The popularity of the work is due to them. It is worth repeating not once but many times because of their successful efforts.

On Friday night "Tannhauser" will be given instead of "Tristan and Isolde," which has been postponed for a week

hich has been postponed for a week cause of Mme. Nordica's indisposition

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